

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 494

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Lee Dugger of Mt. Pleasant.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Lee Dugger; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dugger was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a Maury County native, Mr. Dugger was the son of the late Robert L. and Aline Alexander Dugger; and

WHEREAS, he attended Columbia Business College and was employed with Union Texas Petroleum, Texas Gas Division, for forty-three years, serving with acumen and alacrity and earning the admiration and respect of his colleagues and peers for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an American patriot, Robert Lee Dugger heroically and honorably served as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, and was discharged on medical disability after he was severely injured climbing up the side of a ship during a storm while participating in an amphibious training exercise; and

WHEREAS, being a distinguished military veteran, his vast experience was called upon as a member of the Herbert Griffin American Legion Post 19, and he was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans Association; and

WHEREAS, he committed his singular skills to several community organizations and trade associations, including the Mt. Pleasant Senior Citizens Group, the Maury County Regional Center, and the Tennessee Propane Gas Association, which he served as a lifetime member and elected officer; and

WHEREAS, a consummate public servant and deeply involved in his community, he dedicated his coveted leadership abilities to the welfare of the citizens of Maury County while serving two terms as a Maury County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dugger was an active and devout member of First United Methodist, Church which he served faithfully as chairman of the pastor parish relations committee; and

WHEREAS, he was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dugger enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Wilma Nicks Dugger, for more than twenty-two years; he was preceded in death by his first wife, Willa Dean Dugger; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father of Sharon Hartnett, Lee Ann Crain, and Alan Simms, and the godfather of Dawn Darden; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dugger will be sorely missed by his grandchildren, Jeremy Crain, Jessica Crain, and Claire Hartnett; and

WHEREAS, his indelible legacy will also be remembered by his great-grandchildren, Camden Crain and Cali Crain; and

WHEREAS, a loving and devoted brother, Mr. Dugger will be fondly remembered by his siblings and their spouses, Barbara Baker, Charlie and Marion Dugger, Jimmy and Irene Dugger, Rayburn and Geraldine Dugger, and John and Linda Dugger; he was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard Dugger and Odell Dugger; and

WHEREAS, he will also be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews, Jennifer Cameron, Dewayne Baker, Sherry Hardison, John Dugger, Lee Ann Parson, Mike Dugger, Robby Dugger, Phyllis Green, Charlie Dugger, Jr., Terri Hinson, and Kaye Henley, and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lee Dugger leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Lee Dugger, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Dugger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.